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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FINMECCANICA DELEGATION TO MOSCOW; COOP-
ERATION AGREEMENT

1. IN MID-SEPTEMBER ITALIAN DELEGATION FROM GOI-CONTROLLED
HEAVY MACHINERY HOLDING COMPANY FINMECCANICA, HEADED BY FIN-
MECCANICA PRESIDENT ING. CAMILLO CROCIANI, VISITED USSR AS
GUESTS OF SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. WHILE IN MOSCOW CROCIANI AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE USSR
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GVISHIANI SIGNED
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS ON TECH-
NICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. THE ACCORD CALLS FOR CO-
OPERATION IN AREAS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, CONVENTIONAL ENERGY,
ELECTRONICS, ELECTROTECHNOLOGY, AERONAUTICAL CONSTRUCTIMQ,
MACHINE TOOLS, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, CHEMICALS
AND PETROCHEMICALS. (COMMENT: THE TEXT OF THE ACCORD HAS
NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED BUT ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCES, THE
NEW FINMECCANICA-SOVIET ACCORD IS STRICTLY FRAMEWORK IN CHAR-
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COMMENT.)

3. ITALIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT DURING HIS TRIP, CROCIANI MET WITH SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV, ENERGY CONSTRUCTION MINISTER KROTOV, AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY MINISTER PALIAKOV, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY MINISTER ANTONOV, CHEMICAL ANHETROLEUM INDUSTRY MINISTER BREKHOV, AVIATION INDUSTRY VICE MINISTER MIKAILOV, AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE MOROZOV.

4. CROCIANI WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY PREMIER KOSYGIN. UPON CROCIANI'S RETURN TO ITALY HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT KOSYGIN HAD ASSURED HIM THAT FINMECCANICA WOULD BE AWAREDED CONTRACT TO SUPPLY USSR WITH SIX NUCLEAR REACTOR VESSELS. EGO-TIATIONS ARE NOT YET COMPLETED, BUT THE VESSELS, WHICH WILL BE OF SOVIET DESIGN, WILL BE SUPPLIED BY FINMECCANICA AT THE RATE OF TWO A YEAR FOR THREE YEARS AND WILL HAVE A TOTAL VALUE OF \$600 MILLION. VOLPE

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